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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Box Patent Application Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Before the issuance of the first Official Action, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

#### IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please add the following as the first paragraph on page 1 of the specification:

--This is a division of application Serial No. 09/092,096, filed June 5, 1998.--

## IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 6-18 and 21-25.

## REMARKS

This preliminary amendment makes reference to the parent application and cancels those claims that are being prosecuted in the parent. Entry of the above amendatory matter and early examination on the merits are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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